

The Fair Thief.

BEFORE the Urchin well could go,
 She stole the whiteness of the snow ;
 And, more that whiteness to adorn,
 She stole the blushes of the morn ;
 Stole all the sweetness other sheds
 On primrose buds, and vi'let beds.

Still to reveal her artful wiles,
 She stole the Graces silken smiles ;
 She stole Aurora's balmy breath,
 And pilfer'd orient pearl, for teeth ;
 The cherry, dipp'd in morning dew,
 Gave moisture to her lips, and hue.

These were her infant spoils—a store !
 And she in time yet pilfer'd more ;
 At twelve she stole from Cyprus' Queen,
 Her air, and love-commanding mein ;
 Stole Juno's dignity, and stole
 From Pallas sense to charm the soul.

Great Jove approv'd her crimes and art,
 And t'other day she stole my heart ;
 If Lovers, Cupid, are your care,
 Exert your vengeance on this Fair ;
 To trial bring her stolen charms,
 And let her prison be my arms.

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